

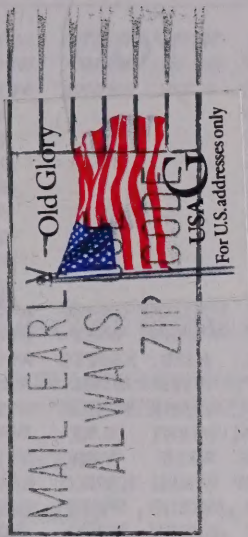
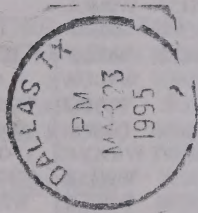
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24 MEMBERS HAVE JOINED OOTC BETWEEN JAN. 1 & MAR. 15, 1995

NEW MEMBER	CALL	#	SPONSORED BY:
Franklin B. "Frank" Thomas, Jr.	W4QDM	#3326	Robert Bookwalter, W4NWF
Robert Mustafa "Bob" Salem	W8VLD	#3327	Bert Wells, W5JNK
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Gary Liljegren	W0SH	#3333	Bob McDow, W4KOG
Armon I. Cravens	W6JDL	#3334	Bert Wells, W5JNK
W. S. "Chappy" Chapman	W6VIF	#3335	Ken Johnson, W6NKE
Dwight W. "Bill" Smith	W5USM	#3336	Leland Smith, W5KL
Joseph A. "Joe" Perratto	K2QPR	#3337	Leland Smith, W5KL
Donald B. "Don" Search	W3AZD	#3338	Leland Smith, W5KL
Croft B. Taylor	VE3CT	#3339	Leland Smith, W5KL
C. E. "Cliff" Seale	K4HQH	#3340	Robert Bookwalter, W4NWF
Arthur B. "Art" Rauch	W4VZ	#3341	Leland Smith, W5KL
Heinz Liebe	DJ2QX	#3342	Gerhard Hoffman, DL7PH
Lawrence H. "Larry" Sanderson	KD0YZ	#3343	Bert Wells, W5JNK
Conrad Clark	W3ZMN	#3344	Francis Walton, W9ACU
Walter "Alligator Man" Bastow	N4KUF	#3345	Bert Wells, W5JNK
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**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THESE
BYLAWS CHANGES**

ARTICLE II, Fees and Dues, Section 4. Delete the word "membership" at the end of second sentence and substitute "dues".

ARTICLE III, Officers & Directors, add new Section 4, "The OOTC President may from time to time appoint with approval of the OOTC Board highly motivated and dedicated OOTC members as International Directors. These appointments shall be honorary, advisory in nature, without voting rights on the Board of Directors." The deleted section 4 would be reinstated as Section 5, and the present Section 5 renumbered as Section 6.

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A MESSAGE FROM

LELAND SMITH, W5KL, OOTC PRESIDENT

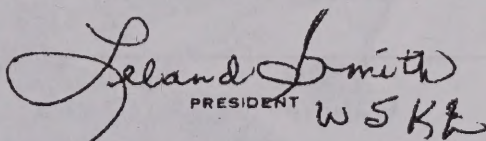
The more I listen in on nets on our frequencies, the more convinced I am that they provide an easy and effective way of maintaining interest and relationships between members of Amateur Radio organizations. We OOTC members have things in common that our younger Amateurs may never know - the thrill of communicating by radio with home constructed equipment. We OOTC members have earned a maturity not only in age but in experience in radio that can be acquired in no other way. Many of us have raised families and many of us have had successful careers. Others have been less fortunate and have suffered illnesses and tragedies in life.

Notwithstanding the many differences in our lives, we have something no other group has - our continuing hobby of Amateur Radio and the opportunities it provides for maintaining contact with our friends, sharing our thoughts and experiences, and preserving the traditions of Amateur Radio.

On the air nets provide free publicity for OOTC. Not only do others learn about OOTC but those eligible for OOTC membership may break in and ask how they can become members.

The list of nets in SGT needs to be expanded to cover all geographic areas where we have members. May I urge you to begin checking into one of our present nets, or start a new one in your area? Remember also in your contacts on the air, if you are talking to someone who may be eligible for OOTC membership, tell him about OOTC and offer to send him a copy of the application form appearing on the back of each SGT.

- 73,


PRESIDENT W5KL

A REQUEST FROM THE SECRETARY

As time passes, members of the Board as well as regular OOTC members may want to contact OOTC headquarters via FAX or bulletin board. I would like to hear comments from the members and the board of directors. If enough interest, we will go ahead with a dedicated phone line at HQ.

Duncan Kreamer, W1GAY, Director 1st District, reported that he suffered a mild stroke on 21 November 1994 and is about 95% OK now. He is thankful to be in better shape than most after a stroke. He was DX at VP2EDK until Nov. 14th and felt lucky the episode happened when he was home.

If you can afford to go first class, and don't, your Heirs will. Be well, do good work, and stay in touch. -courtesy "Adventurer's Club News" via Ralph, W6IL, 1/2/95.

ELECTION, 1996-97 TERM, THE 2, 4, 6, 8, 0 DISTRICTS.

Bob Bookwalter, W4NWF, #1750, has been nominated for District 4 Director by Bob McDow, W4KOG, #2679. Endorsed by Alex Ekblad, W2HI, #3153, and H. B. Fraser, KA4VXL #2719.

Ken Johnson, W6NKE, #2667, has been nominated for District 6 Director by Arch McGregor, W6AGZ, #2824. Endorsed by Marion Henson, W6NKR, #2870.

The five incumbent Directors are:

- 2nd District - Dave Winter, W2AUF
- 4th District - Bob Bookwalter, W4NWF
- 6th District - Ken Johnson, W6NKE
- 8th District - John Hoffer, W8CWY
- 10th District - Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ

Please send your district nomination or endorsement to HQ now. Each nominee must consent to the nomination and be endorsed by at least 3 members in good standing, residing in the same district. The nominating and endorsement period ends September 30, 1995. The polls close on November 30, 1995. Spark Gap Times will keep you informed of the nominations, endorsements and balloting.

OOTC CHAPTER 2

Betty McGregor, wife of Arch McGregor, W6AGZ, passed away the 3rd week of January. Arch has been long time Secretary/Treasurer of OOTC Chapter 2 and Betty regularly attended our get-togethers. She will be missed by many.

KEN, W6NKE

W4NWF "SK" NOT TRUE

I received a call from Art Kay, W5APX, lamenting the passing of Bob Bookwalter, W4NWF, our OOTC Director for the 4th district. It had been reported in the February QST, page 98 lower left corner. Since I had just received communication from Bob and it takes more than a month to get "SK's" in QST I doubted the report. Sure enough, a phone call to Bob confirmed the report untrue. Bob also got on the net to dispute the report first hand.

W5APX HAS CLOSE CALL ON I-10

When on the phone with Art Kay, W5APX, regarding the false "SK" report of W4NWF, Art recounted his ordeal, a week before, on the 19 mile bridge going East out of Baton Rouge, La. He was travelling at the legal 55MPH when was hit from the rear by a trucker. Police say he was tossed over 250' down the bridge. The car was demolished but Art was relatively unscathed. Art still has nightmares about it. The trucker claimed that Art had stopped. It is not unreasonable to believe that at the speed some truckers travel Art might have seemed to have stopped if the trucker had been asleep at the wheel and woke up at the last moment !

BERT, W5JNK

THE INTERNATIONAL OLD TIMERS NET

Has been in operation in Europe on 40 meters for more than 9 years, with Ben, DL1NP, Net Control. It runs every Tuesday morning.



JUERGEN "BEN" BENNOEHR - DL1NP

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10 Years ago, German QCWA members met on Monday afternoons on 80 Meters and OOTC members on Tuesday mornings on 80 Meters. Most participants are both QCWA & OOTC members. This resulted in OOTC news published in "QCWA CHAPTER #106 AKTUELL", our German newspaper. Because many foreign members did not understand or speak German very well and 80 Meter propagation was poor, a 40 Meter net was needed.

First 40 Meter test was Oct. 1, 1985 with DL1NP calling "CQ OOTC" for the first time on 7075 kHz. To this day it is a challenge to come through that terrible QRM. From the beginning the 40 Meter net was carried on in English.

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Most of the pre-war amateurs have grown up with CW and still prefer it. The nets are open to everybody who likes to talk with Old Timers. Not all have been licensed so long ago, even though most of them have been operating more than 40 years ago, many of them in military or other services. They surely would be admitted to OOTC if they applied. Others are only near to us by their age as Stener, OZ1LOG, from Copenhagen. On January 21st 1986 our friend Gil, G0AOR, from Shotley Gate near Ipswich joined the net and many of us know his voice.

It is a challenge to find a spot where the S-meter is less than S7 so please look for DL1NP between 7085 and 7100 kHz, the end of the band in Region 1. In the summer of 1994 the skip often was so long that only the North of United Kingdom was to be heard in Schleswig. So occasionally GM0FIQ, Paul from Kemnay near Aberdeen, or G2WQ, Archie from Oswestry (North of the border to Wales) took on to call and inform the Central European friends.

Many foreigners are frequently on the net: PA0UE, Wim from Noordwijk; OZ1IYQ, Ove from Langeskov on the island of Fyn; G4SFU, Don from Stockport near Manchester; G3HHR, Arthur from Lancaster; G3UGT, Jim from Wallsend; also ON4QN, Gilbert from Diepenbeek was very often on the net. Very true participants from Germany are DJ5ND, Willi from Delligsen near Hanover; DL7AC, Heinz, from Cologne and DL6GX, Axel from Alfeld. We regret that DL6MM, Heri from Aachen, is in trouble with his neighbours, so he hardly dares to transmit when they are home.

In the course of time there were about 200 European stations on the European Old Timers net. When the alteration of the OOTC Constitution and By-laws was imminent, just the English friends involved themselves in the discussion and we achieved at least an acceptable solution. Our continuous contacts let arise the wish to get to know each other personally. So we met with G4AOR and DL6MM in February 1990 on Mallorca when the almond trees were in full flower. Another meeting took place in Bichelbach, Tyrol, with G0AOR when we were on our way to Meran. In general all possibilities are used to meet each other, as Amateur Radio joins together far over the QSOs themselves. We regret that a meeting planned for spring 1995 in England will probably be cancelled, because our British friends have become older and distances inside UK seem to be short only on our maps of Europe.

But the European Old Timers Net will retain its international connecting effect without this meeting too. Isn't it amazing that mostly more foreign amateurs join the net than German? Difficulties seem to exist only by time differences, when we change to summer time or back to normal on different dates. The net normally starts at 10:30 local German time on CW and at 11:00 local German time on SSB. Therefore we have a time change with regard to UTC. In summer the net starts one hour earlier than in winter. This could be announced in our information paper in a bit more detail. Then it will no more happen that DL7DO called the net on CW in vain for some weeks, as he was one hour too early. He finally was successful only because DL1NP was tuning his transceiver on 40 just after having finished the 80m-round, before he had his breakfast.

NIKOLA TESLA

THE FIRST RADIO AMATEUR & THE REAL INVENTOR OF RADIO

At the stroke of midnight when July 9 became July 10, 1856, Nikola Tesla was born. Within the first 26 years of his life he had conceived the rotating magnetic field principle. This discovery for mankind made possible the generation and distribution over long distances virtually unlimited electrical energy in the form of 60 cycles (Hertz) A. C.

The nature of this benevolent genius was such that he had no further interest in low frequency work, so he moved on to explore the world of high frequency phenomena. By 1890 he had conceived his famous "Tesla coil", still used as a major component in numerous electronic devices. By 1893 he had conceived, explained, and demonstrated the "Four-tuned circuits", making possible the theories of Maxwell and Hertz on the transmission of intelligence. The circuits were tuned to resonance with each other, two on the transmitting side and two on the receiving side using Geissler tube detector. His apparatus used the first antenna, as well as a ground connection, plus an antenna-ground circuit containing inductance and capacity. Also conceived was the adjustable inductance & capacity circuit for tuning. In 1893 he made the first "wireless" transmission before the National Electric Light Association in St. Louis, and it is this essential understanding that exists today in all modern radios. These principles served as the foundation for his U.S. patent that eventually had priority over Marconi's basic patents.

Most amateurs are unaware of what happened June 21, 1943: The United States Supreme Court made a landmark decision that essentially settled the long dispute between Marchese Guglielmo Marconi and Nikola Tesla. The court's decision on Case No. 369, identified as "Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America vs. United States," rendered invalid Marconi's basic patent No. 763,772 dated June 28, 1904. Tesla's patent No. 645,576, of March 20, 1900, and its subdivision patent for apparatus No. 649,621 dated May 15, 1900, had priority. The court also cited John Stone's patent No. 714,756 dated December 2, 1902, incorporating greater tuning selectivity, and Sir Oliver Lodge's patent No. 609,154 dated August 16, 1898, providing variable inductance tuning.

Our modern-day understanding of radio is very different from what people knew in those early days. Therefore, it is essential to state a definition of radio that encompasses only that which is indispensable as an embryonic commencement of our present day technology. Lack of understanding in this embryonic area is where most modern technologists and historians become confused, and understandably so. Nevertheless, without the conception of the radio "embryo," those basic elements underlying its fundamental principles, there would be no radio; and without a delimitative definition, there can be no definitive decision on who really invented those basic elements of our modern-day radio technology.

The following definition served the Supreme Court well because it was then able to render a just decision: "A radio communication system requires two tuned circuits each

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at the transmitter and receiver, all four tuned to the same frequency." It is this "four-tuned circuit invention" that Tesla patented, published, and explained. This enabled the high court to give him priority for these necessary basic elements of "wireless," without which there would be no foundation for future advancements.

Naturally, many who followed Tesla made progressive refinements in the technology thus developing it to its present day state. Most of us tend to attribute the birth of radio to those early technologists who made the first refinements, but it was Tesla who had laid the foundation. Historians also give great praise, and correctly so, to such men as Maxwell and Hertz for their monumental work in wave theory. Puzzling to many, however, Tesla's greatest contributions, A.C. power distribution and fundamentals of radio, are either not known or challenged bitterly.

It is easy to understand why most people have a distorted understanding of just who was the real inventor of radio. First, it was the newspapers that hailed Marconi's first successful transatlantic radio transmission; then textbooks followed with their depiction of that exciting event. Both media sources had already raised the flag of victory for Marconi, so it is easy to understand Tesla's dismay--he had done much of the pioneering work.

A similar media blitz is responsible for Thomas Alva Edison becoming a familiar household name. In reality Mr. Edison did not create or develop our system of alternating current electricity. History of "The war of the Currents" shows how he fought its adoption bitterly, choosing instead to promote a system of direct current that had already been invented by others. In short, Mr. Edison's brief role in the electrical power industry was that of an entrepreneur who failed, rather than an inventor. It was Nikola Tesla's discovery of the rotating magnetic field principle in 1882 and patented in 1888 that gives us our modern day system of electrical power distribution.

In 1988-89, the writer's students commissioned a bust of Tesla to donate to a large museum (any large museum). After discovering that the Division of Electricity and Modern Physics section of the National Museum of American History made no recognition of Tesla we offered our bust. The curator promptly refused the offer stating that he had no use for it. Later we discovered that the curator was displaying a bust of Edison alongside Tesla's induction motor. He also displayed photographs of the Niagara Falls power plant next to one of its original generators. A large brass inscription plate listed Tesla's patents, but there was no reference to Tesla. In the middle of the display stood a life size replica of Thomas Edison with the caption, "while the Niagara AC plant was being built by Westinghouse, Edison was busy with other important things." The caption did not explain what these "other important things" were, nor why this was relevant to the Niagara A.C. power plant. Perhaps Mr. Edison was still busy catching stray dogs to electrocute at press conferences in a last ditch effort to defeat the spread of alternating current!

The Smithsonian Book of Invention is a prodigious 3/4 inch thick book of America's greatest inventors and their inventions. Tesla's name does not appear anywhere in that publication. The writer wonders how such an august institution with all the

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learned historians in their employ could possibly ignore Tesla's contributions in their chapters depicting the evolution of electric power and radio.

Further evidence of history gone amuck is seen in the Smithsonian's publication, "The Beginning of the Electrical Age." The curator meticulously traces the history of electricity from Volta to Edison, naming 43 significant contributors, yet Nikola Tesla's name is missing. Instead, the curator shows pictures of the Niagara Falls Power project and readers are carefully guided into believing that this was the work of Edison. Yet it was Tesla's polyphase AC system that the power commission adopted and licenses had to be issued to use Tesla's patents. Money for this publication came from the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation. Perhaps this is why Mr. Edison's name and various pictures appear so prominently and Tesla's name is missing. History is indeed for sale at the Smithsonian, or so it appears.

Radio amateurs especially should take exception to the flagrant disregard for truth in history that exists in the Division of Electricity and Modern Physics section of the National Museum of American History, within the Smithsonian Institution. Why does the Smithsonian, and the general public as well, have such a biased view of electrical history? The answer is obvious.

Tesla's induction motor, using his rotating magnetic field principle, provides us our worldwide system of alternating current electricity. Few people realize the earth-shaking importance of this discovery. Honored engineers have ranked it to the electrical equivalent of the wheel.

Niels Bohr in 1956 stated, "Tesla's most ingenious inventions and researches have been the fundamental for that development which so deeply influences our whole civilization."

Dr. W. H. Eccles in the PROCEEDINGS OF THE INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, stated, "Tesla was the greatest electrical inventor we have had on our roll of membership; in fact we might go as far as to say that he was the greatest inventor in the realm of electrical engineering."

John Stone in 1917 stated, "Among all those, the name of Nikola Tesla stands out most prominently. Tesla with his almost preternatural insight into alternating current phenomena that has enabled him some years before to revolutionize the art of electrical power transmission through the invention of the rotary field motor, knew how to make resonance serve, not merely the role of a microscope, to make visible the electric oscillations, as Hertz had done, but he made it serve the roll of a stereopticon... He did more to excite interest and create an intelligent understanding of these phenomena...than any one else...and it has been difficult to make any but unimportant improvements in the art of radio telegraphy without traveling, part of the way at least, along a trail blazed by this pioneer who, though eminently ingenious, practical and successful in apparatus he devised and constructed, was so far ahead of his time that the best of us then mistook him for a dreamer."

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Lord Kelvin in 1896 stated, "Tesla has contributed more to electrical science than any man up to his time."

Tesla was recognized by his peers but forgotten by his successors, including much of the amateur community. We depend daily on his wireless creation and the power to make it work, yet the vast majority of our ranks still has a distorted idea of our real benefactor.

Tesla died January 7, 1943, alone in his hotel room at the Hotel New Yorker, surrounded by a world of technological progress he was instrumental in creating. Yet the only monument to his memory in our country is a statue at Niagara Falls, a gift from the former country of Yugoslavia. He is one of only two Americans honored by the International Electrotechnical Congress in Munich. In 1956, the unit of magnetic flux density in the MKS system was designated the Tesla. Thus, his name is alongside only fifteen others such as Volta, Faraday, Ohm, Watt, and Ampere. Joseph Henry is the only other American so honored.

For those who are old enough to remember, the Smithsonian Institution carried on a similar feud with the Wright Brothers that lasted 45 years. It was not until December 1948, after we had entered the jet age, that its officials finally relinquished their demand to honor Samuel P. Langley whose plane did not fly. He was Secretary of the Smithsonian in 1903 when the Wrights flew their plane at Kitty Hawk. Although there is no connection between the Wright Brother's debacle and the historical mendacity suffered by Tesla at the Smithsonian, there is an aspect of relevancy.

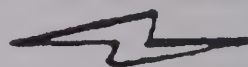
At best, the writer hopes to engender enough support from the amateur community to petition Smithsonian Institution officials to honor Tesla. Certainly there is overwhelming evidence that he has earned his place in history in our country's premier museum. At the very least, this issue might stimulate some lively discussions on the ham bands.

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GEORGE W. ROBERTS, W1AVY, #128. 1899-1995**FROM THE OOTC MEMBERSHIP RECORDS**

"#128 ROGERS, George D., W1AVY. Handle "George." Occup: Rogers Electrical and Radio Shop, Appliances, TV, Radio, Sales and Service--also Ham Gear & Service. A real old timer who worked DX with a 1/4 Kw Clapp-Eastham, rotary spark, 4 wire flat top antenna, a BGF tuner and one step audio. Interesting excerpts from his log show entries of famous old hams including Vernilya, Reinartz (W1NP-Bowdoin), etc.--also famous old land stations. George would like to hear a recording of old spark signals that we heard in 1913-1914, NAM, WLC, KXN, NSD, WCI, KXP, ETC."

George D. Rogers, W1AVY, passed away January 28, 1995. My father's membership number was #128. This coming March 14th, 1995 he would have been 96 years of age. Over the many years, radio was his first love although he earned his living as a Master Electrician.

73 - George D. Rogers, Jr., W1WGN, 361 Brock Ave., New Bedford, MA 02744

RICHARD R. "DICK" MURRAY, W5FBJ, #3145, 1913-1995

Richard R. Murray deceased 1-7-95.

Faye Murray, 1085 East Lucas Dr., Beaumont, TX 77703

ROY D. "MAZZ" MAZZAGATTI, N4OG, #3021, 1930-1994

My husband Roy D. Mazzagatti died unexpectedly on Nov. 11, 1994. Roy has been off the air since we were wiped out in Hurricane Andrew. He had planned to be back doing code by spring '95. Roy was very proud to be a member of your organization.

Cora Mazzagatti

Roy was an All-American tackle, a six-footer from Beaumont, TX. He became Lamar University's (Beaumont, TX) first All-American player in 1952. Drafted by the Green Bay Packers, he never made it out of training camp. His high school and college injuries caught up with him: Doctors declared he had suffered too many broken bones to play.

He liked to study everything from cooking to electrical engineering. He taught physics and computer science and rose to become chairman of the mathematics department at the Kendall campus of Miami-Dade Community College.

Mazzagatti got to enjoy a few months of retirement before he died in his sleep in his home at age 64. A big, brawny man who could discuss mathematical equations, ham radios and crystal punch bowls in the same breath. He was a Texas-born Renaissance Man who liked to wear bib overalls, collect antique tools and look after six dogs and 15 cats.

He had almost finished rebuilding the hurricane-ravaged home. As an electrical engineer, he rewired it himself.

In addition to his wife, Mazzagatti is survived by his daughter Dana, mother Kay and two sisters.

RALPH CABANILLAS, JR, W6IL, #1206, 1910-1995

Ralph Cabanillas, Jr. W6IL, died January 28, 1995. The news has saddened the members of QCWA and OOTC. He served as interim Secretary of OOTC, keeping the club alive during the critical months after Ted Heithecker died. He has been a great help to me with the Silent Key list, proof reading and contributions to the Spark Gap Times. Hardly a day went by without a letter or post card from Ralph with items and suggestions for the SGT.

He was a tireless recruiter and had sponsored 38 members since January 1, 1993. I kept a 20 meter schedule with Ralph every Friday and talked to him the day before he died. Burial was at "Gates of Heaven" cemetery, Hawthorne, NY.

Ralph's niece, Gloria, sent the following letter: "You will never really know how much your phone call meant to us. It was a big consolation to know that you and Ralph spoke for over an hour the night before he died. And most importantly that he was in good spirits. His death was a shock to all of us and he surely will be missed. Always - Gloria & Gerry Jansse & Cathy Prado." Bert - W5JNK, Secretary OOTC.

Ralph's Autobiography

I was born Aug. 2, 1910 and grew up in the New York City area. I never married. From 1929 to 31, a serviceman for Bay Radio Co. in Brooklyn, received W2BNJ Aug. 1930. Joined Naval Reserve, promoted to Radioman 1st Class March 1934.

Took a job as freight checker March 1934 aboard the Grace Line "Santa Maria" N.Y. to Valparaiso, Chile ending as Jr. Assistant Purser in October 1934.

Permanent Active Duty as a Station Keeper at Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Floyd Bennett Field, RM2C. After 3 of us flew an amphibian JF-3 to Memphis, TN on Jan. 27, 1937 and helped U.S. Engineers patrol the Mississippi during the flood, I made Radioman 1st Class again.

While at Floyd Bennett Field NAS during WWII, I did lots of flying in OS2U-3's and J2F-5's patrolling the Ocean looking for German Submarines, and acting as protection for U.S. convoys leaving for Europe. After Warrant Officer class, ordered to NAS Honolulu Oct 1943 which was under construction so was temporarily assigned duty with the Radio Material Officer in the Navy Yard.

Jan. 1944 made Radio Material Officer NAS Honolulu. Promoted to Chief Radio Electrician June 1944. With the war over, returned to the States Oct. 1945 and lucky to be passenger on the CV-12, The Hornet, whose RMO turned out to be an old friend. I refused a permanent Commission in the Naval Reserve and resigned Aug. 1946 and went to work for my Dad until he sold the business.

I decided to try for work with Howard Hughes, whom I had helped, when he completed his flight around the World in 1938 starting and finishing at Floyd Bennett field. In May 1954 I visited the plant at Culver City and was immediately hired. It was great working at Hughes on all the state of the art projects and took early retirement after working 18 years.

I thought of retiring in Spain, where the family still has property on my mother's side, and a cousin. However, prices had doubled since I was there in 1970, then they had a revolution and things changed. I did enjoy being CT1HO, but decided to return to the good USA. I stopped by Norm, K6BA's place in the Hollywood Hills while I looked around for a house. I took his offer to live in the guest house and help on maintaining the property. That was 18 years ago.

Dated June 6, 1994

W2GHV's BIOGRAPHY WAS LEFT OUT OF THE JAN. ISSUE OF SGT IN ERROR

GEORGE J. APFEL, W2GHV, #3279

Born 3/1/10, spouse Alice. Had home installation business 1926-29. Joined AT&T long lines 2/17/27 NYC. Into toll service equipment dept. Moved into overseas service 1928-29. Retired 1969. Started crystal research products 1937. Manufactured Xtal testing equipment. Wrote 11 Tech Manuals for Signal Corps regarding crystal testing equipment. Developed first ultra-sonic equipment 1938. Developed first wireless mike for Century Lighting Corp. 19--. Retired AT&T 1969. Patents on material counting and weighing equipment. Gave business to son-in-law 1970. Now run by grandson. Director RCA 1985 - present. Treasurer RCA 1980-85. Active QCWA and president local club. Past president Park Ridge Rotary Club 1984. Member board of education 1990-1993.

WILLIAM D. "BILL" HOLDER, W6TNB, #3283

Born 10/3/16, spouse Dorothy. Spent 35 years with Douglas Aircraft, Supervisor of all testing (Engineering test) models C-124 thru C-133 and DC8 thru DC10. Presently Assistant Manager of W6RO aboard the Queen Mary. Previous call W8LTT 1934 to 1940

IVAN C. WILKINSON, W3RMF, #3284

Born 8/28/24, spouse Julia, 2 harmonics. Retired GE electronics - close to 40 years. RAE club - QCWA #122. Army Medical T/5 1943 - 1945.

NATHANIEL J. "NAT" HARRINGTON, KF2VL, #3285

Born 8/16/37, spouse Patricia M., 2 daughters. Previous calls K2DYB 1953, KB2JRT 1990. Worked as a TV broadcast technician at WKTV in Utica, NY from June 1956 to January 1982 when suffered a disabling back injury on the job. Was kept on staff for about 3 years after my injury. Also did some TV production work. Was active in CW/voice traffic handling in 50's and early 60's as K2DYB. Was surprised to receive the A-1 operators Club award in the 50's. Am avid traffic handler again now. Also like to work a little DX now and then, and enjoy VHF/UHF too.

Am now EC of Oneida and Madison counties, an OO, ORS, OBS and a V.E. with ARRL and W5YI. Also a registered instructor. Am on the board of local radio club and Public Service/Special Events Director. I like baseball and gardening. Also interested in health.

LYLE B. QUINN, W0US, #3286

Born 11/26/18, spouse Irene, 3 boys, 1 girl. Previous calls W9TQD 1935-46, W0TQD 1946-81. Signal Corps/Air corps T/Sgt August 1943-March 1946.

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continued from page 15, Lyle B. Quinn, W0US, #3286

Graduated Dorne College 1941. Radio Operator War Department message center 1941-42. Active duty as ground radar repairman in Pacific (Philippines & Japan) 1943-45.

Active in family business (Anheuser-Busch distributorship) from 1946 until retirement in 1986.

JERRY L. AYERS, W9ET, #3287

Born 1/13/42, spouse Carol, 2 harmonics. Previous calls WN0UAW 1954, W0UAW 1954-1976, WB9RFK 1974-1976, W9ET 1976 - present. Father, George Ayers is W0FXY licensed since 1928. Daughter Misty is KA9JUP licensed in 1981 at age 11. Daughter Candy is NU9A first licensed in 1982 at age 10.

I have spent working life in broadcasting. Working in stations as Chief Engineer and working for broadcast equipment manufacturers including RCA, AMPEX and COMARK.

BLANCHE RANGLES, W4GXZ, #3288

Spouse Wesley C. Randles - W4COW, 1 harmonic. First licensed W4GXZ in 1954 in Jacksonville, FL. Joined YLRL and St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club that same year.

Charter member and 1st Secretary of Floridora YL's. Many years later after retirement became President of Floridora, YL's.

Moved to New England (K11ZT) in 1958. Joined Framingham Radio Club and took part in many field days.

Joined Womens Radio Operators of New England (WRONE) and later served as president for 2 years. Member of WRONE Convention Committee in 1960 when WRONE hosted the YLRL Convention.

YLRL Secretary, 1961 & 1962. Vice President 1963. President in 1964 and 1980, Served many terms on the Presidents Advisory Committee.

Joined QCWA in 1979. Co-founder of Yankee Chapter and of QCWW Chapter as well as several other Chapters in New England and in Florida. First President of QCWW Chapter. Charter member and past President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of Pelican Chapter in St. Petersburg, Fl. On several QCWA Convention Committees and Co-Chairman of 1993 Convention in St. Petersburg, FL.

Served QCWA as Taping Coordinator from the inception of the program in 1987 through present.

DUBY D. "DUBE" TODD, AB5AP, #3289

Born 7/22/34, spouse Lucy, 3 harmonics. Previous calls KN4DWW 1954, N5PDK 1988. USAF 1955 -1975 retired, Major. Test equip mil tech - Western Electric Co. NC. A fellow technician elmered me to novice ticket. First actual radio communication occurred during artillery communication school at Ft.Sill, OK in spring of '54. Joined Air Force in 1955 & dropped out of amateur radio. Retired in 1975 to begin 3rd career with Texas Instruments, Inc. There I worked as a mfg. supervisor, engineering tech, engineer and marketing product mgr. in calculator division, until recent retirement.

Now doing part-time teaching at local community college. Station is Kenwood TS820S/VFO/SM220, with SB200. Work mostly CW but also like RTTY & packet. Active on 2 meters (voice.) Collect and repair old radios, including ham gear. Currently getting Gonset "Gold Dust Twins" (G66 Rx, G77 Tx) ready to run - on AM! Other hobbies: Golf, bowling and flying when I can afford it. Hi.

Member QCWA, Air Force Flyers Club, ARMS Christian Net. WAS - CW.

WALTER E. PRYKE, KB9ETO, #3290

Born 1/21/22, spouse Geneieve E. 4 harmonics. Previous call WN9IBR. USNR served October 1942 to January 1946, RM 3/C. Trained at Great Lakes Naval training center. CO 1513 Camp Green Bay. After boot camp was assigned for Radio training at RCA Radio Institute NY City. Completed training April 9, 1943. Assigned to Radio Compool Norton Heights, CN. After 4 weeks was assigned to ship.

Served in Atlantic and Pacific theatres. After discharge, started construction business and continued until retirement.

HARRY G. HOUGH, W6HZM, #3291

Born 1/31/25. Previous calls WN3BVI, W3BVI, W4AIO. U. S.Army 1943- 1946.

JOHN F. W. MINKE, III, N6JM, #3292

Born 4/11/33, spouse Marilou (Mari) WN6IZH(1963) 4 harmonics. Previous calls: K2IKS 1954-59, WA6JDT 1959-1977, W6KYA 1969-82. KY6ITU short time in 1975 or 1976. Radio operator at Fort Dix NJ January 1954 to May 1955. Licensed in June 1954 as result of working in MARS station AA2KWO and meeting radio amateurs.

Learned CW in radio school at Ft. Dix. Returned to Clarkson College (now University) graduated June 1959 with B.E.E. First employed Hazeltine Corp as Field Engineer at McClelland AFB (California) to May 1964. Now in electrical design of power plants for California Department of Water resources since May 1964 (hope to retire next year.) DX editor of World Radio since 1978. ARRL SCM for Sacramento Valley 1965 -1973. Extra class license since 1968.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR ENDING 12/31/94

RECEIPTS:	1994
DUES:	
ONE YEAR	\$ 4,069
TWO YEARS	1,951
THREE YEARS	750
FIVE YEARS	250
	<u>7,020</u>
NEW MEMBER FEES	570
GIFTS	118
STAMPS, PATCHES, PINS	135
INTEREST	465
ADVERTISING REFUND	85
SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SGT	15
	<u>8,408</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,036
CLERICAL SERVICES	1,506
PINS PURCHASED	321
SPARK GAP TIMES:	
PRINTING	1,027
POSTAGE	951
TELEPHONE	263
OFFICE POSTAGE	471
BANK CHARGES-SUPPLIES	62
MEMBERSHIP	10
	<u>6,647</u>
INCOME BEFORE NONRECURRING EXPENSES	1,761
NONRECURRING COMPUTER EXPENSES:	
PURCHASE FROM ESTATE	1,400
PACKING, SHIPPING TO CALIFORNIA	384
PACKING, SHIPPING TO TEXAS	380
CONSULTING FEES	350
	<u>2,514</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER INCOME	-753
CASH BALANCE - 12/31/93	19,966
TRANSFER TO STUDENT EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND	-1,957
CASH BALANCE - 12/31/94	\$ <u><u>17,256</u></u>
STUDENT EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND:	
CONTRIBUTIONS PRIOR TO 1994	1,840
DONATIONS DURING 1994	117
PRINCIPAL BALANCE - 12/31/94	<u>1,957</u>
INTEREST EARNED SINCE 11/8/94	14
KEMPER MONEY MARKET BALANCE - 12/31/9	\$ <u><u>1,971</u></u>

MARCONI DAY SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS - APRIL 22 1995

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY (IMD) - APRIL 22, 1995, 0000Z to 2400Z. in celebration of Marconi's birthday the Cornish R.A.C. will sponsor over 25 Special Event Stations representing the locations of early Marconi experiments and transmitting stations including: CT1TGM, DA0IMD, EI2IMD, EI4IMD, GB0IMD, GB1IMD, GB2GM, GB2IMD, GB2MDI, GB2MID, GB2SFL, GB4IMD, GB4MD, GB4MDI, IY0GA, IY0ORP, IY0TCI, IY1TTM, IY4FGM, K1VV/IMD, KK6H/IMD, VE1IMD, VO1IMD & ZS6IMD. Certificate for QSO 12, contact G4USB@GB4AKE.#44.GBR.EU or the Cornish R.A.C., Box 100, Truro TR1 1RX, Cornwall, England for information.

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OOTC ON THE AIR MEETINGS

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SSB 7:30 UTC 3632 kHz - NCS DL3QY

CW 10:30 UTC 7029 kHz - NCS - DL1NP

SSB 11:00 UTC 7090 kHz - NCS - DL1NP

SSB 16:00 UTC 14280 kHz - NCS - DL1PH

CW 17:30 UTC 3553 kHz - NCS - DK9LG

Florida Chapter: Saturday, 0800 Local Time, 3955 kHz, with W4NWF as NCS

Northeastern: Thursday, 1400 local, 7230 kHz, with W2EEQ as NCS

Southern Cal: Tuesday, 4:30 PM local on 3917 kHz with W6NKE as NCS

National CW: Friday, 2:00 PM Eastern on 14050 kHz with W8CCN as NCS

>>>> (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE) <<<<

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Ken Johnson, W6NKE, 6th District Director would greatly appreciate hearing from OOTC members in both the Bay and Sacramento areas, or anyone else in California, who would be interested in starting a weekly, OOTC ssb net. Please contact him at 1813 Moreno Dr, Simi Valley, CA 90363-3159, Phone (805) 526-8909

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SPARKS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND

W1EZR, W1UQ, DL1ZQ, K2IC, W2JQS, W2MJP, W2WSS, AA3BE, W3CGZ, KP4BJ, KP4BJ, K4FVI, W4GOV, W4NWF, W4WNY, W4YE, W5EJ(SK), W5IRP, W5KL, W5RJK, WB5RLS, K5TQN, WW5U, W5UMC, W6DIS, W6DIX, W6EKM, W6FA, N6IE, KH6IHY, W6IL(SK), W6ISQ, W6MFC, K6QS, K6VU, W6ZZN, KL7AF, W7GEY, W7LLS, DL7PH, W8OVO, W9IH, KB9IKO, W9MOL, W9NZF, WB9UAD, WB9UAE, KE0KI, W0LDF, W0RLS, W0RSW.

Many of our members have sent interesting articles which have not yet been published due to space limitations. We hope to publish them as soon as possible.

THE PIPELINE

BY BILL MILLER, K2GCE

217 PORTERFIELD PL.

FREEPORT, NY 11520

The other night while relaxing in front of the boob tube I received a phone call from a fellow ham with a radiogram for me that was picked up on one of the traffic nets. It was a happy birthday greeting. That got me to thinking. With every issue of SGT there is a birthday list of all the members for the next two or three months. It would be worthwhile if some of us sent greetings to our friends that appear on that list by way of the traffic nets. A trip through the Section News in QST or a note to your Section Manager will bring the info you need. Might also check with your local radio club. Make someone happy and it will make you feel good as well.

I recently received a letter from Charlie Krause, N7ESJ, and although he is still in a nursing home in South Carolina, he is feeling great after his hip operation of some months back. He hopes to be leaving after the first of the year. I will pass any info I can to you. His address is still: Charles P. Krause, N7ESJ, c/o Mary E. Miller, 719 Cypress Drive, Surfside Beach, SC 29587.

Congratulations: To Jack Kelleher, W4ZC, new President of the Society of Wireless Pioneers; - Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ, inducted in the QCWA Hall of Fame; - Bill Beasley, W6CDO, member ARRL for 60 years; - Steve Cerwin, K6OJO, member ARRL for 50 years.

Received a letter from Bill Deily, KK4ST. He is enjoying his retirement with sailing, bike riding and square dancing. Nothing like keeping young, Bill.

A letter from Fred Linn, W9NZF, who returned from a 3200 mile tour of the East Coast including a stop off at the Cryptology Museum at Ft. George Meade. It must have been a very interesting visit for you, Fred, since you had been in cryptology during WW II.

73, Bill

(Bill sent the article from Fred Linn, W9NZF, which was in the January '95 SGT.)

(Your editor apologizes for leaving this "Pipeline" out of the January '95 SGT)

I am printing the birthday's of all members that records show are not "SK". Some of you are sending birthday greetings to them and this has shown up two members who are now "SK". The widow of KA6NPV who was SK in 1993 was displeased. I believe the good we do outweighs the bad and we should not be discouraged.

A subscription to Spark Gap Times is available to anyone for \$10 a year. If you know of anyone who would enjoy SGT, mention it to them. A gift subscription is a good idea.

If you know of any old timer who does not have a amateur license today but is qualified to join OOTC, An "Associate Membership" is available. (By-Laws Article 1, Section 5)

Joe Adams, KC7DAA, the son of James A. "Monty" Adams reported SK on page 22, has requested and will receive the remainder of his father's SGT's. He has enjoyed SGT when he visited his father. Joe says OOTC will have a couple of new members in a few years.

I have received two inquiries about OOTC tee shirts. If you would be interested, please let me know so can can judge the demand and possibly make them available.

Secretary, Bert Wells, W5JNK

ANNOUNCING THE RALPH CABANILLAS MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP
DRIVE, FROM APRIL 1 TO DECEMBER 15 1995.

1ST PRIZE \$50, 2ND PRIZE \$25 FOR THE TWO HIGHEST
NUMBERS OF NEW MEMBERS, DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY
FROM THE "SPONSOR" ON THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED,
AND
EACH NEW MEMBER'S SPONSOR WILL BE PLACED IN A BOWL AND
FIVE PRIZES OF "ONE YEARS DUES" WILL BE DRAWN,
AND
SPONSOR TWO OR MORE NEW MEMBERS AND RECEIVE OOTC
PERSONALIZED STATIONERY AND RETURN ADDRESS
LABELS WITH THE OOTC LOGO.
AND
EVERY MEMBER WHO SPONSORS AT LEAST ONE NEW MEMBER
WILL BE HONORED IN THE SPARK GAP TIMES.

USE THE BACK COVER OF THIS SGT OR ASK HEADQUARTERS
FOR A SUPPLY OF MEMBER APPLICATIONS.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PUT THE SECRETARY TO WORK
ON A MOUNTAIN OF NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS !

THE PROGRESS OF THE DRIVE WILL BE DETAILED IN THE
JULY AND OCTOBER ISSUES OF SPARK GAP TIMES.

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE JANUARY SGT.

WE HONOR THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

BOB BOOKWALTER, W4NWF - OVER 60 MEMBERS IN 6 YEARS

NEW MEMBERS FROM JANUARY 1 1993 TO FEBRUARY 10 1995

RALPH CABANILLAS, W6IL(SK)	38	ONE EACH
GERHARDT HOFFMAN, DL7PH	10	K1POM, W2EEQ,
BOB BOOKWALTER, W4NWF	7	K2GCE, W2OJW,
DUNCAN KREAMER, W1GAY	6	KE2QM, W3HHC,
G. PAUL GERBRACHT, W3QPP	6	W3TFA, W5JMN,
KEN JOHNSON, W6NKE	6	K5KR, W5MD,
HARRY MOORE, W2JQS	5	K5MMP, KA5TUF,
WM. STRAUCH, W5VBX	4	AC6BO, W6EFB
BOB MCDOW, W4KOG	3	W6HVR, N6GP,
LELAND SMITH, W5KL	3	W6JOJ, W6SMD,
WM. HENNEBERRY, KN2X	2	W6TRP, W6UUC,
ALF CHANDLER, VK3LC	2	W7ER, W8CCN,
WALTER BRINK, W3WPY	2	W9ET, W9INP,
ART KAY, W5APX	2	W9MOL, W0BWJ,
JEROME MASLOWSKI, KS8B	2	W0RAL, WORN.

OOTC MEMBERS REPORTED AS "SILENT KEY"

REPORTED BY:

CARL-OSKAR BIESE	1923 - 1995 SM0HVL #2989 SK:01/22/95	SM5FH, KNUT ALMROTH, AND OTHERS
GEORGE D. ROGERS	1899 - 1995 W1AVY #128 SK:01/28/95	W1WGN, GEORGE ROGERS, JR.
ROY D. MAZZAGATTI	1930 - 1994 N4OG #3021 SK:11/11/94	MRS. CORA MAZZAGATTI
CLAUDE C. "BILL" ELKINS	1912 - 1994 WSALS #2533 SK:11/12/94	ANNIE LEE ELKINS
RICHARD R. "DICK" MURRAY	1913 - 1995 WSFBJ #3145 SK:01/07/95	FAYE MURRAY
LESLIE A. "LES" EDMONDS	1907 - 1995 W5GOO #1175 SK:01/13/95	W5CJZ, BARNEY MOFFATT
JAMES A. "MONTY" ADAMS	1921 - 1995 W5RJK #2917 SK:02/27/95	JOE ADAMS, KC7DAA(SON)
RALPH CABANILLAS, JR.	1910 - 1995 W6IL #1206 SK:01/25/95	K6BA, NORMAN HENKEL
ADREAN SUNDEEN	1902 - 1994 W6MS #1624 SK: / 94	ADREAN SUNDEEN'S SON.
IVAN G. PETERSEN	1921 - 1993 KA6NPV #2821 SK: / 93	SPOUSE, VIA K6UYK TED SHARP
GEORGE FLINT PECKHAM	1904 - 1994 W7ABD #2061 SK:12/22/94	LUCY PECKHAM, DAUGHTER

GEORGE'S MOTHER WAS W7AGT. HIS BEST FRIENDS, NOW SK, WERE W5RG & KL7MF #484.

The Old Old Timers pause with regret and sorrow at the passing of these, our friends and Associates who have become Silent Keys. Our condolences to their families and personal friends. Date of passing, when shown is best information available. If errors exist please notify Headquarters to make correction.

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CORRECTIONS

THE "PIPELINE" FOR JAN. SGT. WAS PROOF
READ AND THEN LATER CLOBBBERED. IT IS IN
THIS ISSUE.

I SKIPPED UNDER NEW MEMBER GEORGE APFEL
#3279 IN THE JAN SGT. IT IS IN THIS ISSUE.

ON PAGE 5 NOV 1994 ISSUE, UNDER THE OOTC
OPTIMIST CLUB-1997, I HAD A TYPO ERROR.
BETWEEN W8TWB & W9DTL, "W6IH" SHOULD
HAVE READ "W9IH."

WALTER BUCH, DL9KA, BIRTHDAY OMITTED
FROM JANUARY SGT PAGE 7. "13-MARCH".
TRANSLATION ERROR, 13-MAERZ ENTERED
INCORRECTLY AS 13-MAY.

SGT SIZE CHANGE

THE SGT SIZE IS NOW 8 1/2" X 5" & 24 PAGES.
PREVIOUS SIZE WAS 7 3/8" X 4 3/4" & 28 PAGES.
WEIGHT IS STILL UNDER AN OUNCE. LESS
WASTED PAPER. SAVES 14% PRINTING COST.

OOTC OPTIMIST CLUB

THESE MEMBERS ARE OPTIMISTS. INDEED,
THEY MAY EVEN BUY GREEN BANANAS !

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PAID DUES:

INTO THE YEAR 1997

W1EXZ	W3BY	W4PHL	W6DIS	WV8B
W1GJV	W3CGZ	WA4QIE	W6GED	W8BIF
W1GUP	W3DCR	WA4SLF	K6HV	W8TWW
W1MGP	WA3EXX	W4UKA	W6JTA	W8VLD
W1PB	N3HWA	W4YE	DL6KP	W9DTL
W1PCD	W3NMK	K5BLV	W6MCV	W9IH
DL1YB	W3OOJ	W5CJE	W6NPN	HB9T
SP2DX	VK3QY	W5EXI	W6PYV	KF0E
W2ELB	W3QYL	W5FOZ	W6VIF	W0RAL
AE1L	W3YMB	KB5LKG	N6WR	W0RLS
W2OJW	K4BPJ	W5RQH	W6YAN	W0RSW
N2PLE	N4FL	KA5TUF	WA6YEA	SM0TRT
W2RFY	AB4FQ	W5UP	W6ZZN	W0US
W2VW	KD4IV	N6ATY	KL7AF	
W2WSE	W4LIF	K6CJ	KL7DG	
AA3BE	W4NWF	W6DDB	DL7UXO	

INTO THE YEAR 1998

W1EED	W1PEX	K5ABD	W6MIG	W9UEM
WK1H	W3TFA	WA5ZFQ	W6NKE	W0YCY
W1LA	N4FG	KH6HME	W9MOL	

INTO THE YEAR 1999

W2AUF	W3U	N5PEN	KC7DAA	
VK3LC	W4GOV	W6ATC	N8DR	
W3LIR	N5BAK	KG7BK		

INTO THE YEAR 2000

W1GAY	W1UQ	W3QPP	W5APX	W5IRP
W1RGH	DJ2QX	K4GVG	GM5BDO	W5KL
				SV0AA

INTO THE YEAR 2001

W5OVH	
W8MFP	

21ST CENTURY CLUB

IF YOU HAVE WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE 21ST CENTURY CLUB THAT TED, W5EL
STARTED, I HOPE TO START WORK ON IT.
THOSE WHO HAVE SENT REQUESTS MAY
BE RECEIVING SOMETHING SOON. I WILL
LET YOU KNOW IF I HAVE MADE PROGRESS
IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF SPARK GAP TIMES.

BERT, W5JNK

OLD OLD TIMER'S CLUB



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1994

Mem#
Joined
Expdate
AmtRecd
Ledger

Name _____ Call _____ Class _____

Address _____
Number Street City State/Province 5+4(US)zipcode

Date of first two-way communication _____ Nickname/Handle _____

Nature of first contact: Amateur _____ Commercial _____ Military _____

Amateur Call First Used _____ Date of First amateur License _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____
Month Day Year

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

OOTC New member Enrollment Fee, includes pin \$5.00
OOTC Annual Dues (All members)----- \$10.00 *

INITIAL MINIMUM ENROLLMENT. TOTAL \$15.00

* Annual dues are welcomed in any multiple of \$10. All funds payable at a U.S. Bank
INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS: Please remit with 1) American Express money order or,
2) Check drawn on a U.S. Bank, if a branch of a U.S. bank accessible, or 3) other bank
check and add \$10. collection fee which is charged by bank here or 4) U.S. Currency.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

One must have had two-way communication at least 40 years previous to filing an OOTC membership application. OOTC recognizes your first two-way communication whether through amateur, commercial or military operation. Where possible please provide proof of such operation. Full membership in OOTC requires that you have a valid amateur station or operator license at the time of application.

OOTC wishes to have extended information about each member, his/her activities and background. Such information becomes a permanent and important part of your record as a member of OOTC, making it possible for us to write of your life work and experiences. We will greatly appreciate a small photograph (2" x 2" is fine.)

If you use this form to apply for OOTC membership, please enclose a separate piece of paper and include the following:

OTHER CALLS AND DATES
NAME OF SPOUSE AND CALL, IF ANY
NUMBER OF CHILDREN

MILITARY SERVICE FROM _____ TO _____ & RANK
HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR CAREER - BACKGROUND STORY
WITH PERMISSION TO PUBLISH IN SPARK GAP TIMES

Your Signature _____

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